

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2303 - SB 2884

February 22, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands the offense of arson to include a person who knowingly damages fire equipment by means of a fire or explosion.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015162): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands the offense of arson to include a person who knowingly damages farm equipment by means of a fire or explosion.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation defines farm equipment as vehicles, tools, devices, or supplies used in plowing, planting, harvesting, raising or processing of farm products at a farm.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-301(b)(1), arson is a Class C felony offense.
- This analysis assumes that an individual knowingly damaging farm equipment by means of a fire or explosion would be charged with a Class A misdemeanor offense of reckless burning or with a Class C felony arson offense if the farm equipment was located in a barn structure under current law.
- Any impact to state or local incarceration resulting from the proposed enhancement is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to the Department of Agriculture Agricultural Crime Unit is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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